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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Edward M. Nolan, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/974,882

Filed: 10 October 2001

**For: FACS ASSISTED METHODS FOR
INTRODUCING INDIVIDUAL
CHROMOSOMES INTO CELLS**

Examiner: Sullivan, Daniel M.

Art Unit: 1636

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to an Office action dated March 19, 2004, setting a shortened statutory time for response expiring on June 19, 2004. As September 19, 2004 fell on a Sunday, this paper is timely filed on September 20, 2004 with a petition for a three-month extension of time, payment of which is enclosed. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration respectfully is requested.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this paper (along with anything referred to as being attached) is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage via first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2004
Date